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LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POST OFFICE BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land/plots allotted for construction/opening up of Post Offices in some parts of the country have not been utilized so far for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the buildings are likely to be constructed for the purpose of Post Offices at these sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 1871 vacant plots available for construction of buildings for Post Offices and other administrative offices in the country. The details of the vacant plots are given in the Annexure. The funds allotted by the Planning Commission were not sufficient from as early as in the 8th Five Year Plan to meet the demand for building activities.

(c) No time frame can be fixed for the construction of buildings. Construction of building on vacant plots of land depends on allocation of plan funds by the Planning Commission. Thus, construction on vacant plots is taken in a phased manner depending upon priority and availability of funds.